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University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

School of Osteopathic Medicine

1900 – 2000: A CENTURY OF MEDI

1892*
Dr. Andrew Taylor Still founded the American School of Osteopathy (now the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine).

1901
New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, a division of the AOA, is founded.

1908
Milk pasteurization was first adopted in Chicago, leading to control of milk-borne disease.

1910
Serologic testing becomes a basic tool to diagnose and control infectious disease.

1916
First family planning clinic opened in Brooklyn, NY by Margaret Sanger.

1918
Influenza pandemic resulted in 20 million deaths- 500,000 in the U.S. in less than 1 year; vaccine licensed in U.S. in 1945.

1920
Formation of the Osteopathic Women's National Association (OWNA).

AL ADVANCES AND DISCOVERY . . .

1925

1928
Penicillin discovered fortuitously by Sir Alexander Fleming: first used medically in 1942 to treat a life threatening streptococcal infection.

1943
Selman Waksman, Ph.D. at Rutgers University isolated Streptomycin, first antibiotic effective against tuberculosis; received Noble Prize for the discovery in 1952.

1950

1925

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Last human-to-human transmission of the plague.

1930
Start of the Great Depression, lasted 9 years, ending in 1939; unemployment rate went from 9% to 25%.

1945
End of World War II; a four year war that left millions dead during the Holocaust.

1950

Osteopathic Oath

I do hereby affirm loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgement and with my skills and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those praxtices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession. I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation, and never by word or by art cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests of the students who will come after me. I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

In the presence of this gathering I bind myself to this oath.

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Dean's Message to the Class of 2000

Frederick J. Humphrey II, D.O., F.A.C.N.
Dean
School of Osteopathic Medicine

My congratulations to the UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2000. As the first graduating class of this new millenium, you follow a tradition of outstanding accomplishment that places you among the elite of the graduating osteopathic medical students. We are very proud of each and every one of you. We also welcome you to our Alumni Association and trust that you will always consider yourself part of our ever growing community.

This is an exciting and challenging time for new physicians. You have learned treatment and prevention modalities unknown to man just a short time ago. As a result of your four years in medical school, you have the skills to carry out the work of the most noble of professions. But medicine, with its daily discoveries, is ever changing. The challenges of conquering such problems as cancer, AIDS, and impairments associated with aging, to name a few, remain before you. In this time of great discovery, you will continue to benefit from invention and innovation to eradicate disease and prevent illness. Although new technology allows you to practice medicine as never before, always remember that the physician's role is to enrich the quality of life for patients so that life is worth living. Remember always, no drug can replace the empathy and healing hands of a well trained, attentive and dedicated physician.

As you enter practice, you will appreciate that you are unique. You are more comprehensively trained by virtue of being osteopathic physicians than any other health care provider. You have the knowledge and skills to pursue the choices you want in the future while being steeped in the long and proud tradition of more than a century of osteopathic care giving skills.

Our best wishes and congratulations to you. I wish you success in all of your professional endeavors.

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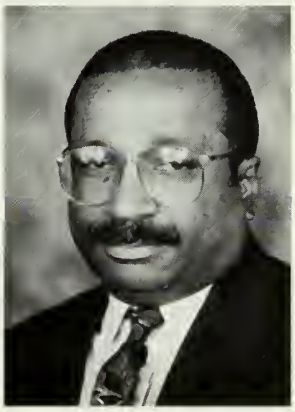

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

This is a most exciting time in your osteopathic medical education. Indeed, you have earned the right to be very proud of the many outstanding accomplishments you have attained at SOM. You completed your pre-clinical education and successfully participated in the unique opportunity offered to osteopathic physicians to learn a wide range of skills in a clinical setting. At UMDNJ–School of Osteopathic Medicine, you've gained the medical knowledge and skills to prepare you to provide the highest quality health care for your patients.

We wish you the best as you continue your medical careers. We applaud the fact that many of you have chosen to pursue careers in primary care, the traditional stronghold of the osteopathic medical profession. As alumni of UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine we look forward to maintaining a lifetime association with you.

We personally congratulate each of you on your accomplishments and wish you every success as you go forward in your medical careers.

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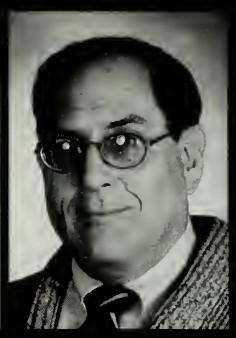

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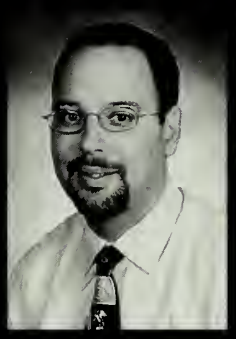

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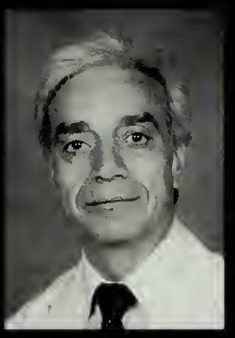

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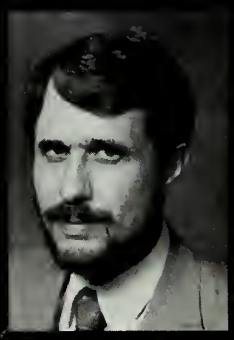
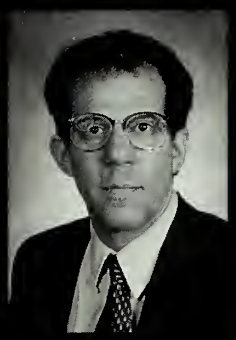
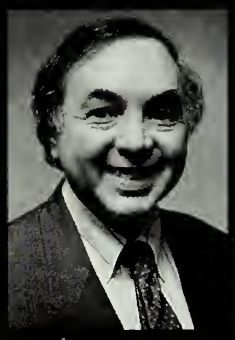

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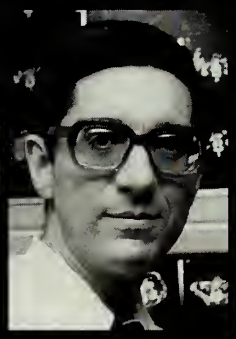

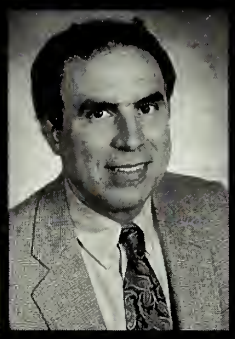

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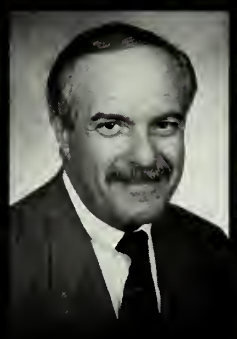

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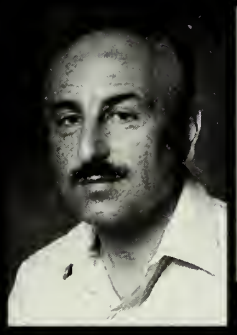
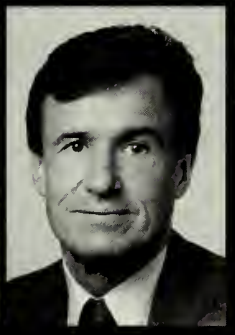

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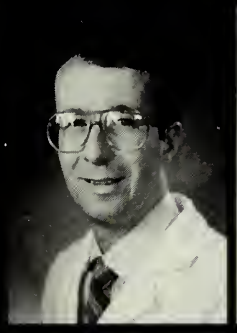

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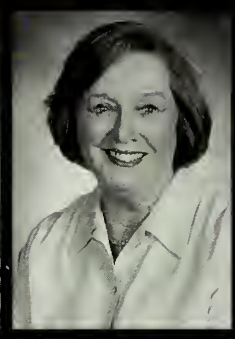

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From Feisty Freshman . . .

. . . to Phenomenal Physicians . . .

Edouard Boubat

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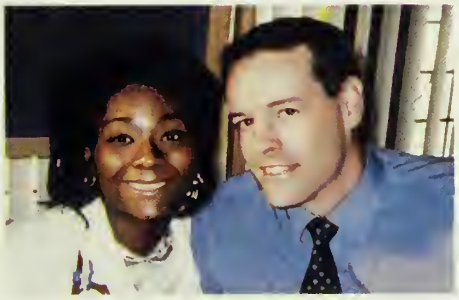

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Guess Who?

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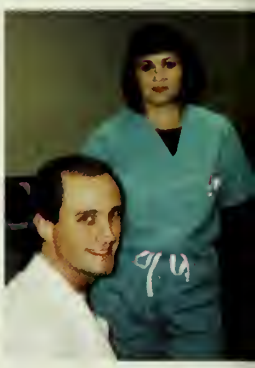

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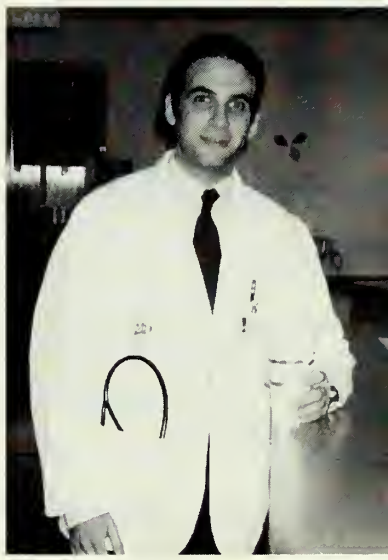

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THE DAWNING OF A NEW ERA!

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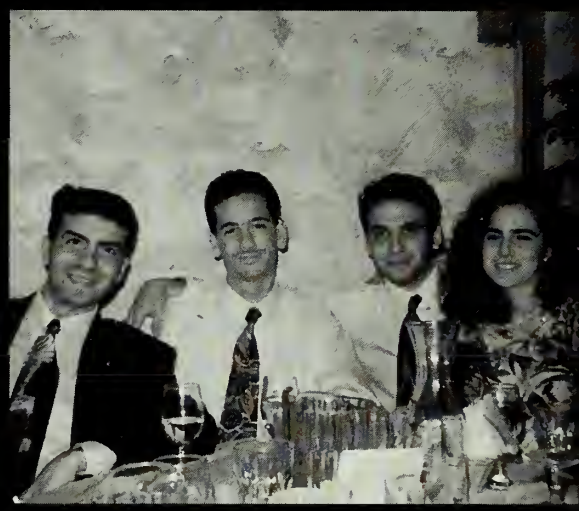
First and foremost, to my mother, father, and beloved brother Angelo:

Angelo: You were the spark that inspired me to begin this journey and the fuel that has been driving my motivation.

I love you Mom and Dad, I miss you much little brother.

Secondly: A great thank you to my circle of friends who have made this difficult journey bearable and enjoyable: DH, VD, FS, MS, AM, PL, CS, JL, CH, MM, and WC.



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I dedicate this achievement to all those who made it possible. My utmost gratitude to Oluwatoyin, my beloved wife whose name depicts the state of my family – meaning "Glory be to God." She demonstrated a rare collaboration in the matrimonial settings of our world today.

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It is hard to fathom that I have ceased to be a student. I suppose now I know what my Dad meant when he described getting a funny feeling each September, as if he should be starting something new. Mom and Dad, you should receive an award because you truly are the greatest parents in the world. I may never have persisted without your unconditional love, encouragement and support. And to Sal, Lisa and Lori, for being not only the best siblings in the world but my best friends too. Thank you for always being understanding of my schedule and for bringing the kids into my life. They always make me smile when things seems unbearable, especially mini-me, Alli. I'm so glad we found each other in the Atrium that day, my best friend, roommate and study-buddy. Lastly, to my fiancé Peter. You've been my rock. I love you always.

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First, I would like to thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for lighting my path and inspiring me to achieve. A special thanks to my mother, father and step-dad for their love, support and encouragement; for opening their hearts and believing in me. Dawn, thanks for protecting me and staying by my side always. I miss you.

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Best of luck Class of 2000 . . . Now go get your shine-box!

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"Life's too short to give up your dreams - at ANY age!"

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"No matter how far away you are,
I see you still,
No matter how far away you are,
you still remain,
Like a presence that will never fade,
Like the landscape of my life."

– Lou Andreas-Salome

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"One's greatest strength develops at the point where we overcome our greatest weakness."
– Elmer Letterman

Special thanks . . .
– To my Mom and Dad for their love, support and encouragement. Thank you for making me the individual that I am today.

– To my sister, Lena, thanks for being there when I needed you. You're a great big sister.

– To my "amigos" at UMDNJ. We finally made it. I won't forget all of the times we had together. Thank you for being a friend. Congratulations and good luck to all. I'll miss you.

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"Here's wishing all of you the best of health, wealth, and happiness as you pursue your niche in medicine; I anticipate our meeting at future AOA conventions!

As part of my medical school memories, I will always value:
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– My gracious Mother and family for their endless support;

And my dearest, supportive and handsome husband, for having shared this journey with me.

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"To become an authentic person means to be open to our intuition, the part of us that knows. Decisions based on cold reason alone are usually made to satisfy others. Intuitive decisions make us feel good, even if others think we are crazy. But as we become authentic, we no longer worry about what others think."
– Elizabeth Kübler-Ross

Mom and Dad, all the gifts you have given me throughout my life have made this day possible. Through your experience, I have wisdom. Through your patience, I learned maturity. And through your actions, I know unconditional love.

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Four years have flown by so quickly!

To my parents and my brother:
You can't pick which family you are born into. I am very thankful and fortunate to have you. It is your faith in me, encouragement, guidance and unconditional love that has made me into the person I am today. Thank you for everything. I love you very much.

To all my wonderful friends:
Both scholastically and mentally, the last four years would have been impossible without you! I cherish all our memories and look forward to the good times ahead.

To my classmates:
It has been a pleasure to work with you the last four years. I'm proud to graduate with you and call you my colleagues. I wish you all happiness and success in the future.

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A Toast to the Future Doctors

It's been a long four years,
but we're finally physicians,
Look out world,
we're making our incisions,
But if you find yourself
consumed with patient and
paperwork woes,
Stop to sip a mint julep and
enjoy the sand
between your toes.

By Joy Dozier

Best wishes class of 2000!

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Mommy and Daddy, thank you for your unwavering love and support – you are the greatest blessing in my life. And to my extraordinary family – you fill my life with light and laughter, thank you! To Leisa, Joy and Kavi – you were the best part of SOM, thanks for all your support and fun, I love you all! I thank the Creator of the Universe for expanding my awareness, filling my heart, and allowing my spirit to soar.

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To my husband, Bob,

I love you. You (and the puppies) have made the last four years bearable. Whenever I was in doubt, you were always there to encourage and support me. Thank you for continued patience, love and support.

To my family,

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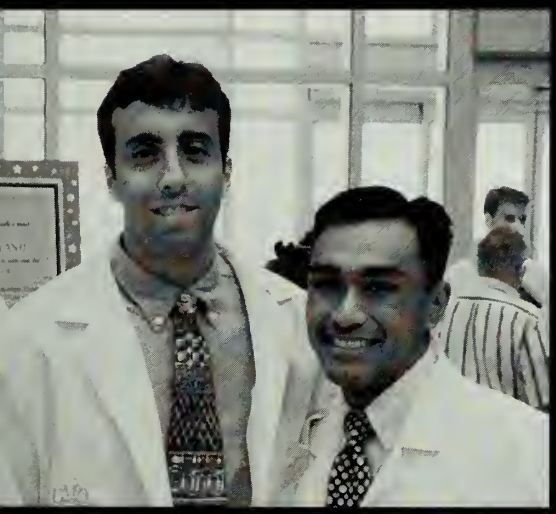

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Thanks to Mom, Dad, and my bro' Rob for your love and support.

Thanks to my friends for making med school like 4 more years of college. "Now, some of us may be leaving. And that is sad. But it isn't the end. No way. We're gonna show this world a thing or two. We're gonna show . . . ." (Tommy Boy)

Thanks Marn. "A good friend is someone who tells you something about themselves that no one else knows. A best friend is someone who tells you something about themselves that they didn't even know." - Unknown
To my fellow golfers, remember Dr. Beeper: "Well, we're just about to tee off now, so call the hospital and move my appointment with Mrs. Bellows back 30 minutes....just snake a tube down her throat, I'll be there in 4-5 hours. (Caddyshack)

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To my wife Traci – You are my best friend, my love, my life. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support. You have made me the happiest man in the world. I love you with all my heart.

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To Dr. DeMarco – I'll see you on the senior tour!!!!

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To Mom, Dad, Beth, Neil and Grandma – Thank you for all of your love, support, patience and dinners. Scott, my beshert, thank you for giving me back my smile. I love you all! We did it, Dave! G.C.A.!!

Theresa, I couldn't have asked for a better friend or roommate. Michele, thanks for the many miles of therapy and fun! For the class of 2000...May your days be filled with the gift of dreams, and may your heart be full of the courage to follow them . . .Congratulations.

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Marisa – I never would have made it through our last year without you. Thanks for putting up with my insanity and helping out with Sydney.

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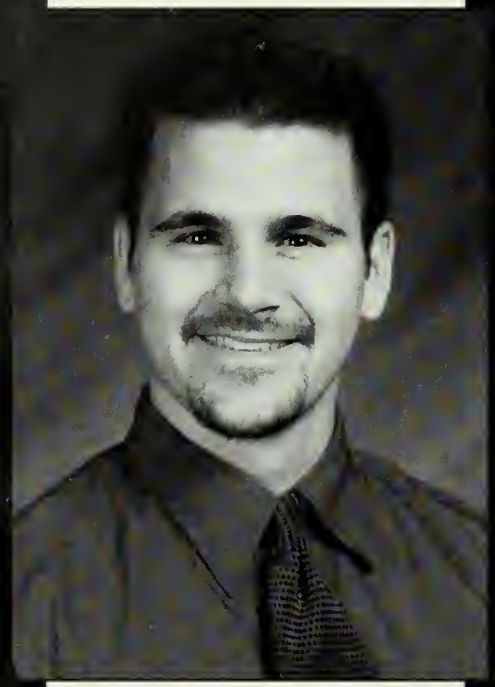
It seemed like this day would never come and yet suddenly, it's here?!?!? Best of luck to everyone!!! Hopefully we'll meet up again!!



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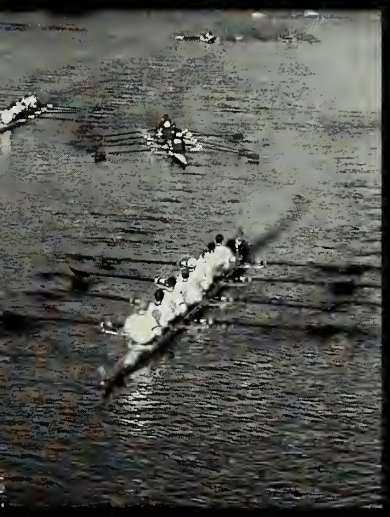

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"The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them."
– George Bernard Shaw

Mom, Dad and Sacha, thank you for believing in me and for all of your support. Joe.

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Thanks Dad for all the practicalities.

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Thank You:
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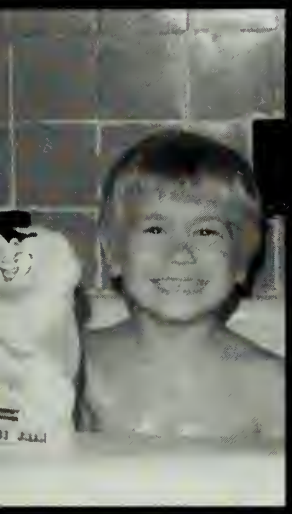

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To my parents, Alli, my grandparents and Lou Balsama:

Thank you for believing in me when I doubted myself. Your confidence and guidance over the years helped me get to where I am today. When the pressure was on, each of you, in your own way, lightened the weight. I am thankful to God for having you all in my life.

To my friends,

Thanks for making it fun!
– Mark

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Jay, you have enriched my life in so many ways. I can never thank you enough for all of your encouragement, support and unconditional love. I love you.

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"...let there be no scales to weigh your unknown treasure; and seek not the depths of your knowledge with staff or sounding line for self is a sea boundless and measureless . . . ."

– Kahlil Gibron

Mom, Dad, Marni, Dori, Grandma . . . family and friends . . . Thank you.

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"When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen."

– E. Hemingway

"Well done is better than well said."

– Ben Franklin

"Sometimes I think the surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere is the fact that none of it has tried to contact us."

– Calvin & Hobbes

"Me fail English? That's unpossible."

– Ralph Wiggum

"Donuts . . . is there anything they can't do?"
"D'oh!"

– H. Simpson

"Wise men make proverbs, but fools repeat them."

– Samuel Palmer

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"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see."

– Hebrews 11:1

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Hi, I'm Paul Lanfranchi. You might remember me from such classes as MET-Rx 101, How to Shrink Any Shirt Two Full Sizes, and The Joy of Eating Chicken and Yams. I would like to thank all who made this possible: My Love Debbie, my family, Kid Block, Mojo, Noodles, the "–Stein" Brothers, the MIBs, Homer J, and Flanagan. You're all top shelf! I wish everyone the best of luck in their future endeavors. Never forget to seek happiness first, for it is the key of life. Undoubtedly our class was the BEST to ever graduate from SOM. Well, it's time for me to lace up my Top Cops and hit the hospital floor. Good night everyone, thanks for coming, and pleace be sure to tip your waiters and waitresses on your way out. UMDNJ–SOM Football Rules!

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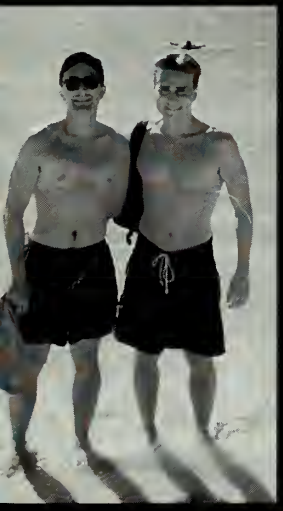

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"A dream can be nurtured over years and years and then flourish rapidly . . .Be patient, it will happen for you. Sooner or later, life will get weary of beating on you and holding the door shut on you, then it will let you in and throw you a real party!"

– Les Brown
Indian writer, author

"Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died."

– Erma Louise Bombeck
American author, humorist

"All day the world goes round and round, you can feel the changes coming down. It doesn't matter who you are with love to give you will go far. We see the treasures all around, and burn ourselves into the ground. Everyone's trying to survive, we're not just born to be alive."

– Gloria Estefan,
Cuban-American musician

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To Mom, Dad, Brian and Jill:

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"Even after you've made your plans, paid your dues and LIFE HAPPENS! It's gotta happen to someone and today it just happened to be your lucky day! So, shrug it off and let the good times roll!"

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Family Practice

It's hard to believe that we're finally here.

Just a few years ago, this moment was just a vision, a goal. Now as I embark on a new mission in life, I realize that I could never be where I am today without the support and prayers of my loved ones. So to all of you who have helped me in my endeavors, I say, Thank you!

To my classmates:
As we go through life, we will have the opportunity to hold some of the world's most precious gifts. The finest treasures that there is.But the greatest gift of all is to know that you can look back and show that you were loved!

We only have one life to live. . . enjoy it! Good luck and best wishes.

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Thanks to my family, especially my parents Joe and Carla, for your untiring love and support during these four years and throughout my entire life. I could not have achieved this dream nor be the man that I am without you both. Thank you for being the most wonderful parents a son could have. To Anne, thank you for standing by my side through the good and the bad. The love that we share and the life we are building together makes this accomplishment in my life so much more meaningful.

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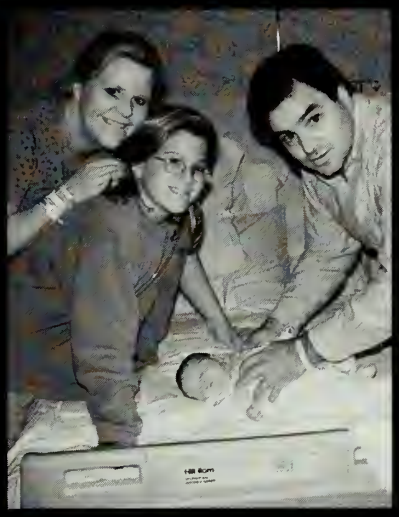

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I realize how lucky I am to have had such loving and devoted parents. Dad, thanks for your continued support and motivation. Your daily reminders of "eat right, dress warmly, and hang in there," kept me smiling. Mom, you have always been my best friend and strongest advocate. I appreciate all your love and assistance, not to mention the home-cooked meals and free boarding the last 4 years. Will you still proofread my papers for me?

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John: I am so excited and could not be happier for us! But now, we can't elope.

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Family Practice

To my family: I would not have been able to graduate without your help; I am forever grateful. Special thanks to my mother who changed her life to make my dreams come true. Thanks to my husband, Chris for his love and support, and to my daughter Julie for showing me what happiness is really about.

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Family Medicine

I love you Mommy and Papa. I never would have been able to do this without your love and support. I'm truly blessed to have you as my parents. Papa - thank you for teaching me the importance of working and playing hard. I hope I can become as great a doctor as you. You're truly an inspiration. Mommy - thank you for listening and encouraging me to do my best. You are the most beautiful woman in the world in every aspect of your life. Bobby - you are very brave and slightly crazy for becoming a pilot. You're definitely the Christopher Columbus of the family, and though you know who the smartest in the family is, I forgive you for thinking you are. Rahul - the sweetest and most precious family member, you've grown up so fast! I remember changing your diapers! Jeannie, I'm glad you'll be part of the family. Angela, Jay and Mr. Vuotto, thank you for everything.

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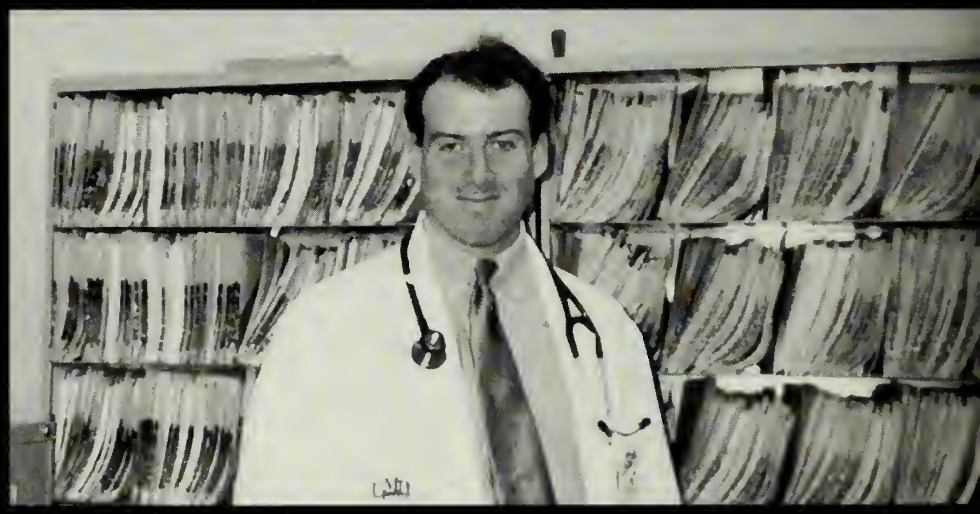

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"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

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I would like to thank my wife, Kathleen, my Mom and Dad, and my family for their love and support.

"We find in life exactly what we put into it."
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Y2K Brats – We have now realized our raison d'etre. Now we can finally get to the joie de vivre!

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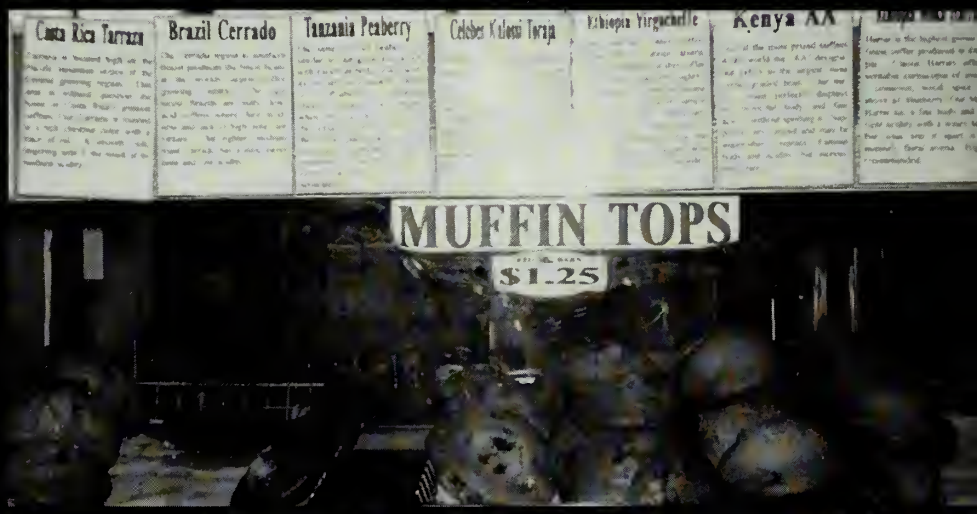
Without you I would be lost. Thank you for everything. I love you.

"A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government."
– Thomas Jefferson
First inaugural address, 1801

"It is seldom that liberty of any kind is lost all at once."
– David Hume



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To my wife, Vivian: Thank you for enduring this journey with me, all the late nights and moments lost to study. I couldn't have done this without your love and support.

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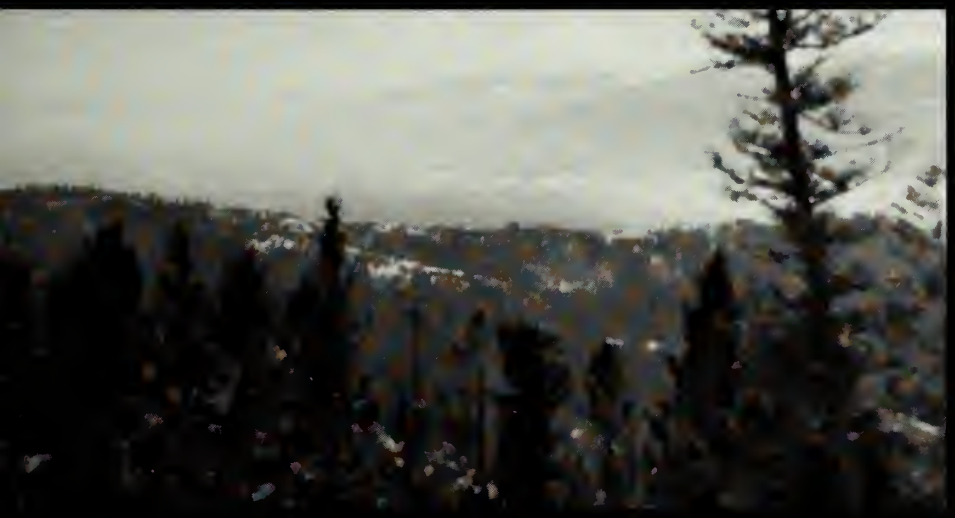
Becoming a doctor is one of my greatest achievements. I have worked hard and made sacrifices to reach this goal. I did not do this alone, however, amd would like to say THANK YOU to some special people who have helped me acquire those two letters I will now write under my name. Thank you...to my family and friends for your never ending support and love; to Andrea for being a great roommate and wonderful friend; To Rich for keeping me grounded and taking care of my heart; Special thanks to Dad and Barbara for their encouragement; and to Mom for being my inspiration from the very beginning.



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"There are more things in Heaven and Earth than are dreamt of in our philosophies."
– William Shakespeare

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Mom, Dad and Jen – Thanks for having faith in me when I lost it myself. I love you!!

Dave – What about that time . . . Some advice – "So be sure when you step. Step with care and great tact and remember that life's a Great Balancing Act. Just never forget to be dexterious and deft. And never mix up your right foot with your left. And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98% guaranteed). KID, YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS."

– Dr. Suess

SOM 2000 – Good Luck! "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

–Winston Churchill

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"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good I can do, or any kindness that I can show, let me do now for I shall not pass this way again."

Mom, Dad, Ron and Gary. Thank you for all of your love, support and patience. I love you, Sandra.

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"An act of kindness is just a moment in your lifetime. To another, it can mean an entire lifetime in just a moment."

– David Knapp

To my family: Thank you for your unconditional love, your undying support and your sacrifices. You made this possible for me.

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"You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments when you really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love."
– Henry Drummond

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I found a quote years ago, and although times can get tough, it is a great motto to live by: "Look for the good, and you will always find it."

So many memories over the past four years, there were times of joy as well as tears. We stuck together, we made it through, we're the class of 2000, me and you! Best of luck to all!

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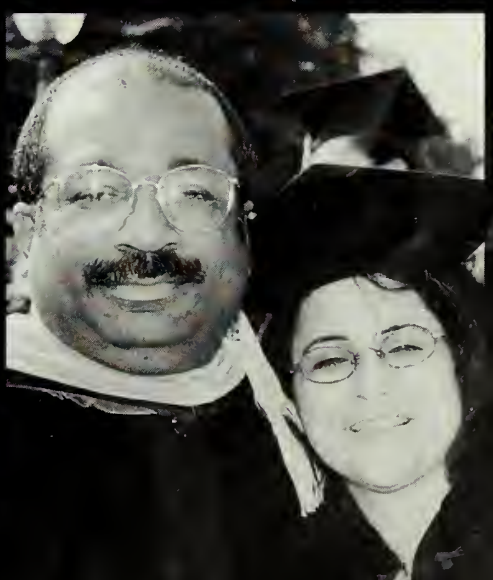

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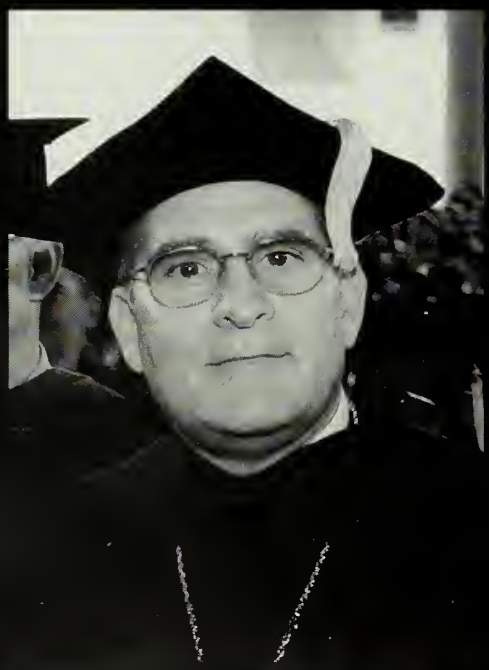

Dear Fellow Y2K Grads,

Let us first say that it has been a phenomenal four years! It was an honor and a pleasure being a part of this class, and especially being a part of the Y2K yearbook committee. You have made these past four years indelible by sharing with us those treasured memories that have made the yearbook what it is. We appreciate that, and we appreciate all of the help we have received.

We would like to thank Dean Micciche and Veronica Coia for all of their support and guidance during a very challenging, but totally fulfilling experience. We couldn't have done it without them. Kudos to the yearbook committee, especially to Paul Lanfranchi and Chris Heitzman for their creative touches and their inexhaustible diligence. More than one-third of the Class of 2000 participated in compiling the Y2K yearbook, and to you guys go a special thanks. Such participation only shows how powerful we are in unity.

As we shed our short white coats and don long ones, we will always look back at these times with fondness and know that many of these memories can be found immortalized in this yearbook. We are the first SOM class of the millennium! We are the new doctors of the 21st century, so let us take on the yoke and be the best Osteopathic physicians that we can be! Affirm that we will provide the best care and attention to our patients. We wish you all the best of every good thing. We wish you love, health, happiness and success as you pursue your various fields of study. Let medicine become your raison d'etre! Now on to the joie de vivre!

Yours as ever,

Rengena and Virginia

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1952
Cigarettes first associated with lung cancer.

1955
Salk Polio vaccine licensed in the U.S.

1960
The birth control pill and the IUD are approved for use by the FDA.

1962
Development of recommended optimum range of fluoride in U.S. drinking water to prevent cavities.

1964
Advisory Committee to U.S. Surgeon General concluded that cigarette smoking is a cause of lung and pharyngeal cancer

1977
Eradication of small pox; vaccine developed in 1796.

1981
Human Immunodeficiency Virus first recognized in U.S.: pandemic has caused 13.9 million deaths.

1988
Formation of the National Osteopathic Women's Association (NOWPA).

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AL ADVANCES AND DISCOVERY . . .

1990

1991
First multidrug-resistant W strain of Mycoplasma Tuberculosis recognized in the U.S.

1994
William G. Anderson, is the first African-American president of the AOA.

1996
First Staphylococcus aureus strain with reduced sensitivity to Vancomycin isolated in Japan.

1996
Dr. William Blank is named Surgeon General-the first D.O. to hold this position.

1996
First White Coat Ceremony held at UMDNJ-SOM for the Class of 2000.

2000
UMDNJ-SOM class of 2000 graduates...a new era begins for these physicians, with great strides made in medicine.

2000